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BRITISH SMASH GERMAN SALIENT NORTHEAST OF MERVILLE; DILLON SAYS SINN FEIN WAS FINANCED FROM NEW YORK; ALL RAILROAD PRESIDENTS ARE REMOVED BY McADOO

SOME TO HOLD PLACES WITH **CUT SALARIES**

Holdovers Will Be "Managing Directors" Under New Regime.

ONE BIG SYSTEM PLANNED

Regional Executives to Have Full Authority-Stockholders Protected.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, May 21.-Director-General McAdoo to-day relieved from duty as executive manager the president of American railroad. The removals will be followed by the appointmen f Federal directors for each company. The prediction is made that in numerous cases the president of the road will be appointed Federal director. Announcement was made that there also will be samed two new regional directors. The Federal directors, who will be placed in direct charge of each rail-road, will be the official representatives of the Director-General. Each will have full charge so far as operating is con-cerned. They will be under supervision

of the regional directors. Where the Federal directors are not the former presidents they will be selected wherever possible from operating officials of safeguard stockholders and preserve the individuality of the lines. Under the new plan regional directors and the Federal managers will be required to sever their official relations with particular companies and become

Many Presidents in Peril.

exclusive representatives of the railroad

In effect, the new plan provides that every railroad president in the United States whose road is under Government control will cease to be the active op erating head of the road unless he is sciented as Federal manager, in which becomes an employe of the railroad administration, probably at a much lower salary than he is now re-

to-day upon the announcement that C W. Huntington, president of the Virginian Railway, had been removed as operating officer of that line for dis-

The railroad presidents who will be removed as operating heads of their ment as Federal managers may still hold office at the will of the stockholders or directors, but the salaries they are drawing cannot be paid under Railroad Administration rules from the operating revenues of the lines.

If such officers are retained the roads retaining them must pay the salaries from rentals received from the Government or from other sources of income

Presidents to Lose John.

erating officers, and it was for this that Director-General McAdoo diew the line of demarkation on salary payments.

many instances that he was not re- grains into beer. ceiving a full measure of support and formation from partain railway executhe officers and that only by having his oan representatives in charge of the optration of each railroad could his plan rallroads of the country into a comthe sten has been under has frequently been intimated in THE provided for in the food law.

litration has been superimposed on the 58 by tellers. allroad structure and railroad A roll call on the amendment is possi presidents have had a divided allegiance ble before passage of the bill. poration represented by their board of the tors and stockholders.

harmonlous, evidence tributing to the Government plan of tional security and defence by stimulatmaking the railroads a single system. ing agriculture and facilitating the disently found it difficult to readjust them- proclamation being the prohibition of the ande the one that had always been feeds in the production of mait or vinc foremost in their minds—the promotion liquors for beverage purposes." of the best interests of their own lines.

To Pick Best Men.

The new order gives Mr. McAdoo now lance of picking those railroad exthamselves wholeheartedly to the unification plan. The others will be dropped The first of the new regions to be sated are out off from the eastern

of and including Pittsburg and Erie, and O cast of Pittsburg and Ohio River, including Pittsburg terminals, Lewis exactly forty-three days in the moment her keel was laid that the herhand Valley Haliroad, Central Rail-tied up and began to discharge road of New Jersey, Coal and Coke Rail-tong Philadelphia and Reading, West-was over in six hours and fifteen was over in six hours and fifteen the charge for a Southern

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Rumor of Hindenburg's Death Still Persists

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 21.—The rumor that Field Marshal von Hindenburg died recently has become current very generally among the enemy in the back areas, as well as among civilians. What basis, if any, there is for this rumor, is not known here.

This rumor has gained some support by the fact that Field Marshal von Mackensen, the conqueror of Rumania, was either to be shifted to the western front or had already arrived there to take part in the renewed offensive against the Allies.

HOUSE VOTES

Forbids Use of \$11,000,000 for Agricultural Work Till Wilson Halts Browing.

Practically Makes Mandatory Action President Has Refused to Take.

Special Despatch to THE STN. WASHINGTON, May 21.-A movemen which has been slowly but steadily gaining in momentum here, largely through efforts of the prohibition propagandists, found unexpected expression in the amendment which practically would

for the production of alcoholic beverages. The effect of this would be to stop the brewing of beer, which has been the ob-ject of the movement that has spread throughout the country. The same thing was attempted when the food bill was up last summer, and was only defeated when the President in a public letter let n conclusively that he was not in favor of stopping the manufacture of

Asked to Use Power. .

As a result of a compromise then reached the food bill placed such action within the discretion of the President. Section 15 providing that "whenever the President shall find that limitation, regulation or prohibition of the use of foods, duction of malt or vinous liquors for beverage purposes or that reduction of the alcoholic content of any such malt or vinous liquor is assential in order to assure an adequate and continuous supply of food or that the national security and defence will be subserved thereby he is authorized from time to time to prescribe and give public notice of the extent of the limitation, regulation, prohibition or reduction so necessitated

Since this power was lodged in the hands of the President many petitions There are many presidents who have have been coming in here asking the president to exercise it. Members of the Cabinet have been circularized by churches and temperance organizations with the argument it was unfair to ask the people to Hooverise and at the same Madoo is reported to have felt time allow the breweries to make food

Would Hold Up \$11,000,000.

The step taken to-day in the Hous was most unusual in that the amendwelding the different ment adopted provided that none of the funds authorized in the agricultural appately unified general system be ac- propriation bill amounting to \$11,000,000 should be expended until the President teration for several months, and had issued a proclamation such as i This amendment was offered by Rep-

Under the plan that has been in op- resentative Randall (Cal.), Prohibitioneration until now the Railroad Admin- ist, and was adopted by a vote of 69 to

The amendment reads:

"No part of this appropriation shall be available for any purpose unless there While on the surface all has been shall have been previously issued the has cropped out proclamation authorized by section 15 of time to time that this was not con- the 'act to provide further for the na failroad presidents have appar- tribution of agriculture products, such to the new conditions and lay use of foods, fruits, food materials or

TUCKAHOE COMES AND GOES. Reaches Atlantie Port With Con

and Unloads in Six Hours.

The steamship Tuckahoe, turned ou omplete from the yards at Camden, N J., thirty-seven days after the laying of her keel, arrived at an Atlantic port yesregion under A. H. Smith. They are to be known as the Alleghany region and the Pocahontas region.

The Alleghany region will consist broadly of the Poppenius is linear and the will be utilized in the coastwise broadly of the Poppenius is linear and the will be utilized in the coastwise broadly of the Pennsylvania lines east trade some time, allowing another ship of larger tonnage to enter the overseas service. Her engines worked flawlessly.

It was exactly forty-three days from a moment her keel was laid that she road of New Jersey, Coal and Coke Rail-foad Philadelphia and Reading, West-ern Maryland Railway, Cumberland utes, and she cleared for a Southern port last night to hike after another load

IRISH PLOTTED REVOLT WITH **GERMANS HERE**

Kaiser's Money Stimulated Conspiracy Against British Empire.

AGENTS FOUND LETTERS

Secret Service Men Entered Inner Councils and Reports Went to England.

WASHINGTON, May 21 .- Disclosures to-day that the Government has gathered evidence in this country of conpiracies between Irish Sinn Fein leaders and German agents to precipitate a rebellion in Ireland were followed by an-nouncement that Government agents have uncovered similar German intrigue with other nationalistic groups in the

German money it was said has been sed to finance agitation among negroes FATHERED BY RANDALL ers of the so-called "oppressed nationallties" which for years have had nation alist grievances against Russia or other anti-Germanic allies.

In most cases this propaganda has been carried on by Americans affiliated with these groups, paid from some mys-terious source believed to be the German Government. Except among the radical Irish agitators, however, the propaganda did not appear to make much headway

Agents Within Councils.

For many months, it is now revealed United States Government agents have been inside the councils of the Irish in tion of Irish citizens against British rule. They have discovered conclusive forbidding the use of food materials evidence that German money and promises of aid stimulated the conspiracles as a means of diverting the British Government from its war task in

Direct action to atop the intrigue was Government did not wish to meddle in domestic problems of the British Empire, but the information gathered was turned over in some cases to British epresentatives, and it is understood that the recent arrest of a number of Irisa Sinn Feins was prompted partly by evidence of German-Irish plots discovered in this country.

Full details of the evidence were not made public, it was explained, because a number of persons still are under surveillance. Some announcement of tators is expected soon, however, either day declined to indicate whether any statement might be expected from the State Department concerning the Irish

Secret Letters Brought In.

The story of how the intrigue in this country was discovered it was said if published fully would tell of many communications brought surreptitiously into the United States in violation of regulations. Many of these were written with invisible ink and in code and when dephered furnished clues leading to detection of many ramifications of the plo The men responsible for the agitation were supplied with funds from deposits in banks where German representatives formerly kept their accounts, or from other mysterious sources

The Irish radicals in their correspon dence referred frequently to the promise of German aid in an uprising, which was ammunition and possibly troops to the

Many of the Itish plans were melo-Continued on Second Page.

European Cigarettes "Punk," Says Soldier

I IEUT. H. W. LUNDALL. Philadelphia, who is commanding the 471st Aero Squadron, now in England, says in a letter to a

"Thanks, old man, for the letter and for your kindly feel-ings toward me. Thanks for your well wishes and for your proffer of cigarettes. Letters are always acceptable; well wishes always wanted; your thoughts we crave. Cigarettes? Well, we die for cigarettes. Eng-lish cigarettes are punk."

One way to help the fellows get real American smokes is by 41 West Forty-fifth street. THE SUN Tobacco Fund's share of the sale is open every day from 3 to 10 this week also. Details on page 4.

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Nationalist Calls Sinn Fein Foolish

DUBLIN, May 21.-John Dillon, Nationalist leader, in an Interview with the Associated Press emphasized to-day the divergence between his party and Sinn Fein, whose policy he declared to be "wrong and foolish and bound to ond in disaster."

Mr. Dillon said he still believed in a friendly settlement with Great Britain.

In an appeal to the American people Mr. Dillon said that the Sinn Fein had been supplied with unlimited financial resources from New York. He urgently asked all those of Irish blood in the United States to support his party as against the Sinn Fein.

Month's Sinkings 220,709 Tons for British, 84,393 Tons for Neutrals.

WINTER AVERAGE 400,000

Blocking of Ostend and Zeebrugge Bases Reflected in Decrease.

WASHINGTON, May 21.-Further convincing evidence of the alow but sure urbing of the submarine menace was forthcoming to-day when the Navy De-

The figures show that 220,709 tons of British shipping and 84,393 tons of neutral shipping have been sunk by the during the last month. winter was approximately 400,000 tons. is recommended by the War Insurance Bureau that the rate on lives of seamen who pass through the war zone should be lowered from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per

Further Decrease Expected.

Officials of the Navy Department said to-night that they believed the next monthly report of sinkings would be do with cutting down the sinkings within

Reports received here show that the partial bottling up of these U-boat bases by the sinking of obsolete British ships laden with concrete has undoubtedly embarrassed the German plans to a considerable extent. Other factors which are contributing greatly toward keeping the total of sinkings down are the follow-

The steadily increasing numbers of ating in the war zone.

The success of certain devices now being employed against the U-boats, particularly an American device. The increased efficiency of the personnel of the British and American navies in the work of hunting out and driving off U-boats seeking to attack cargo carriers.

This total, approximately 300,000 tons a far lower than the record made by to be called for this month or next, when U-boats during the spring, summer an the Germans had expected to reach the early winter of 1917. In April and May Channel ports in their big drive. The of last year the Germans came close to Germans then were to send arms and carrying out their plan to sink 1,000,000 tons of shipping a month.

Bernstorff's Bonst Exploded. This estimate of 1,060,000 tons was nade by the German Admiralty when

Tuthless submarine warfare was first initiated, February 1, 1917. Count von Bernstoiff, then German Ambassador to the United States, stated that the sinkings would at least total 1,000,000 tons per month and might be more. The German Government predicted Great Britain would be starved into submission at the end of eight months, beginning February 1, 1917.

The latest figures now show that the German submarine campaign, despite increasing the number and size of the U-boats, is yielding only 25 per cent. of the results which the German Admiralty counted upon.

FAIRBANKS SLIGHTLY WORSE. Former Vice-President's Physician

Still Hopes for Recovery Indianapolis, May 21.-There was little change during the day in the condition of former Vice-President Charles W. Pairbanks, who is critically ill at his

home here. His physician, Dr. J. A. MacDonald, stated to-night that Mr. Fairbanks was resting comfortably and although he did not pass so good as day as yesterday he still had hopes of his patient's

Heads Motor Transport Division WASHINGTON, May 21. — Frederick Glover, a Rockford, Ill., manufacturer, now in Government service, has been

SUDDEN RUSHES OF AUSTRALIANS FORCE FOE BACK

Gallant Dash Wins Ridge at Morlancourt With 400 Prisoners.

FACED GALLING GUN FIRE priso

Treacherous Boche Shoots Corporal After Surrender; 800 Captives in 36 Hours.

By PERRY ROBINSON. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 20 (delayed) .- In the last thirty-six hours we have taken more than 800 prisoners, which for a quiet day is not bad. At all events we should naider it rather serious if it happened

taken by the French in the neighborho of Locre, in the Kemmel area, and more than 400 by the Australians at Morlancourt, where by a series of sudden rushes they have been shoving the Germans back between the Ancre and the

In their previous thrust the Australians had advanced to a point almost directly overlooking Morlancourt, which however, still was screened partly by a spur that runs from the main high ground just east of the village, in a northerly direction. It is this spur, with the village of Ville lying below it to the orth, which they took yesterday in an sttack which began at 2 o'clock in the

Now, from the crest of their positions the Australians looked down upon Morpartment made it known that the last lancourt due east along the valley of record of tonnage sunk in a month was the Ancre. Apart from the prisoners it 25 per cent, less than during the preced- is a very useful bit of ground they have

Paced Heavy Machine Gun Fire. The 2,500 yards after a shart bombardment. monthly average of sinkings during the the men advancing behind a barrage The troops forming the right wing, who Because of the decreased risk now, it attacked in force, had to advance over high ground to the summit of the ridge. Those on the left had the swampy Ancre valley to cross, the terrain being cut up by dikes and drainage ditches into pasures and cultivated plots, where they were exposed to heavy machine gun fire The operation, however, was extremely

successful. The Germans seem to have anticipated something of the sort, and reenforce-Ostend and Zeebrugge had had much to tions the night before. This fact did number of prisoners, many of those taken having been in the front line less than an hour when they were captured It was a gallant operation, because the enemy had all the advantage of position. He was strongly intrenched along the winding sunken road running north and south across the line of attack, and his position had to be cleared by bombing.

Shot by Treacherous Prisoner. It is, one fears, characteristic of the

spirit of the two armies that while one German after he had surrendered shot an Australian corporal the rest of the lerman prisoners were treated with the greatest kindness. They were extremely Australians immediately fed them. One German gunner who wore the

notice pinned on him by his captors say one must attempt to get possession of his iron cross, as imporrigible souvening hunters sometimes will do Of the French attack in the north

have few details. It seems that the termans had shelled the French front here heavily, and it looked as if they night be meditating an attack. If so is not the first time in this region that the French have disconcerted the enemy plans by attacking first. Here the at tack was delivered on a front of 3,000 yards in order to gain definite short objectives on the slopes by the hospice east of Locre. The action was entirely suc essful. Allies' Airmen Show Superiority.

Throughout the recent fine days and brilliant nights the aircraft have been extremely active. While no amount of superiority can prevent a certain num ber of German machines from crossing our lines, especially for raiding purpos at night, our aviators unquestionably are better men. Besides great numbers of enemy machines shot down in fighting we do an enormous amount of damage day and night by bombing and otherwise arassing the Germans behind the lines In the eyes of the people at home prob-ably an incidental brilliant exploit like the bombing of Zeebrugge and Cologne

will stand out conspicuously, but ther things, although impressive, are small in value compared with the work conreached New York, but the report is ately behind the battle line. Not seldor our men fail to get enough fighting. Rehis machine gun into the hangars. As no response came he dropped a package containing a note which read:

containing a note which read;
"If you won't come up here and fight, here is one pair of boots for your pilots to wear when they fight on the ground."

As a postscript he dropped bombs on the serodrome and came away. This has been the fifth day of extreme summer heat, interrupted by occasional local thunderstorms on parts of the bat-

U. S. SEEKS A CONFERENCE ABOUT PRISONERS OF WAR

interests there. Reciprocally the Swiss

CANNON ACTIVE

SAYS PERSHING

mans in Course of Recon-

naissance Combats.

Flier's Remarkable

By the Associated Press

quarters to-night.

showed considerable activity."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN

PRANCE, May 21 .- "In the course of re-

n both sides in various sectors there

member of a Philadelphia family, while

flying on the British front, have been

Philadelphian was flying along the lines

north of Ypres when a big German

plane was sighted. The Captain went

in to attack and the German began

attacking machine from above. The

Lufbery Funeral Impressive.

a part of the machinery of his plane so

oadly that the machine went down. He

crashed in No Man's Land and by the

merest chance was not killed by the fall.

a German shell struck his disabled ma-

chine and blew it to tinder. He was

where he was sheltering himself from

[The foregoing probably refers

ported in a Paris despatch received

through his leg near his wrecked ma-chine. He had previously been re-

ported lost after a fight with a Ger

According to information obtained

from a captured German officer, the

published monthly figures of German

nerial losses are intended merely for the

people at home and for neutrals, and

are not accepted by German aviators.

Bomb Wrecks Plane.

The funeral of Major Lufbery was

most impressive. The pailbearers, three American and three French aviat-

ors, carried the flag draped coun from

the little frame building to a motor car

for the trip to the grave. The proces-

sion was led by an American band, a

the trenches and a company of French

infantry. Following the coffin were 200

American and French officers, including

all of Major Lufbery's companions in

the air service, the American General

commanding the sector northwest of

Toul and a French General commanding

The party drew up at the grave, and

while the service was being read one American aviator after another planed

until he was just overhead. Each three

out great bunches of red roses, which floated down on the coffin and the bared

This Is a

Wheatless Day

oral tribute to the slain aviator

an army corps.

company of American infantry just from

the German bombardment.

The Captain had just crashed when

to give any assistance.

Germany Has Not Yet Replied to Inquiry Through Spanish Embassy, but Satisfactory Arrangement as to Men's Treatment Is Expected.

ments had already held similar confer Special Despatch to THE SUN. ences and that the results had been sat-WASHINGTON, May 21 .- The United States Government has opened nego-tlations with the German Government Matters to be discussed include ques tions referring to sanitary arrangements, food, clothing, permission to receive through the Spanish Embassy in Berlin for a conference in Berne, Switzerland, relative to reciprocal treatment of prisoners of war. No reply has yet come from Germany. It is expected, prisoners and question of officers' pay however, that there will be no difficulty prisoners in Germany will in a sens be under the supervision of the Spanis in perfecting mutually satisfactory ar-Embassy, which represents American

In making the announcement officials of the State Department explained that Legation here will look after the Ger the French, British and Italian Governman prisoners in the United States.

COURT APPEAL California Judge Refuses to He Reports Capture of Ger-

MOONEY LOSES

Grant New Trial to Labor Leader. GOVERNOR HOLDS FATE MAJOR LUFBERY BURIED

Review by Supreme Bench of Details Sent of Philadelphia attack, the German operation embrac-United States May Be Requested.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 .- Thomas J Mooney, convicted of murder in connectims of the preparedness day bomb explosion here in 1916, lost his final application for review of his case by the State courts to-day, when Judge F. A. Griffin, in Superior Court, overruled the motion of his attorneys to set aside all previous court proceedings and grant a new trial on the ground of wilful fraud, malfeasance and nonfeasance in the office of the District Attorney.

His only hope for escape from the Gov. William D. Stephens, who has a petition for pardon under consideration although counsel for Mooney said to-day meater atrolane. they would probably appeal to the State Supreme Court again, and if they failed there would try to have the came reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Resentence on May 28.

Mooney's conviction and sentence were | death of an American aviation Captain. affirmed by the State Supreme Court. he sought a writ of "coram all proceedings be annulled on the ground little more than serve to increase the that his conviction had been obtained through fraud and malfeasance by the prosecution. The District Attorney entered a demurrer to the petition for a writ, and Judge Franklin A. Griffin, who pumping machine gun bullets into the tried the case and sentenced Mooney. sustained the demurrer to-day. Judge Griffin set May 28 as the day for resentence, the former date of execution having been invalidated by Mooney's appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Judge Griffin's decision on the demurrer to the petition for a writ of coram nobis said that while such a writ was permissible under certain circumcase before the court. The appeal to the State Supreme Court announced to-day will be from Judge Griffin's refusal to hear the petition for a writ of coram brought in safely from the shell holes

Constitutional Wrong Claimed. The defence attorneys had announced previously that if they did not gain recognition in the State Supreme Court they would appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that

without due process of law. Stephens for action on the pardon application now pending, the Governor will have before him a request from President Wilson urging careful review of the facts. This request was linked with s report by a Federal labor commission which urged the granting of a new trial because of certain allegations of pertury which followed the testimony of a wit ness for the prosecution.

Mooney was being deprived of his life

REPORTS KERENSKY IS NOW IN NEW-YORK Rumor Reaching State De-

partment Is Unconfirmed. Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, May 21 -A report reeived by the State Department says Alexander Kerensky, the former Russian remier deposed by the Bolsheviki, has

rather indefinite and has not been conirmed. State Department officials are not disposed to accept it without further to-night just from what source this information reached the department. Kerensky, according to a recent report printed in New York, was on his way to this country, but the Russian Embas

here has been without any word to this and it is suggested in Russian circles Kerensky is broken in health and it is doubted that he has any plans in mind political work here.

Haig's Troops Advance on 600 Yard Front and Take Prisoners.

ENEMY STRIKES BACK

His Heavy Counter Attacks on Larger Front End in Failure.

ALLIES GAIN IN RAIDS

French Break Down Foe's Onslaught Above Bailleul-Artillery Battles.

LONDON, May 21.-Last night and to day the allied forces in France kept up their policy of wearing down the German lines, making more slight gains and repulsing victous German counter attacks. Their offensive operations were on a comparatively small scale, but the enemy assaults were made in considerable force and were checked only after

Last night the British made a local attack just northeast of Merville, carrying out a successful operation which advanced their positions along a front of 600 yards and reducing a salient which bulged into their lines. Thirty prisoners and six machine guns were taken.

Against the new positions the Ger-mans this morning, after a severe bombardment, launched their heavy counter ing a section about 1,200 yards long and extending on either side the recently established British front. The enemy was met by a terrific fire from artillery and machine guns and was forced tark without gaining his objectives.

Attack on French Fails.

Another German attack was made or connaissance combats in Lorraine we the French above Bailleul. This failed statement fasued from American head-Severe artillery battles continue at many points, the Allies often forcing Woevre the artillery of both sides the fighting. French batteries at Hailles Last night's statement was as follows: and south of the River Avre, on the

"Except for activity by the artillery last night. Both French and British patrols have is nothing to report."

An added statement says it has been taken prisoners in raids at several places. The French raid near Lassigny determined that Major Raoul Lufbery was shot down within the American is said to have been especially produc tive of results in prisoners and valuable

The opposing forces northeast el Capt. James Norman Hall of Colfax, Aveluy wood, above Albert, have con-Iowa, who has been missing since May 7, is wounded and a prisoner in a Gertinued to exchange blows in contention for desirable positions. Testerday morning the Germans rushed some posts man hospital. Capt. Hall disappeared after an engagement over the enemy there and obtained a footing at a few Details of the remarkable escape from places. They have been driven out again

> The latest reports concerning the fight unwounded prisoners were taken and that the casualties of the attackers were slight. In this drive the French retook Druloose and the now famous crossroad near by, as well as several fortified farms which have been the scene of desperate fighting recently. They also pushed forward their line east of Hill 44 which the poilus retook a few days ago after a bitter encounter.

Official Statements.

The Philadelphian received a bullet Official statements on the operations brough the leg and another shot wrecked

BRITISH (NIGHT) -- A hostile counter attack launched this morning against our new position northwest of Merville was made in considerable strength upon a front of 1,200 yards A very heavy bombardment preceded the enemy's advance, but despite the intensity of his artillery preparations his infantry only succeeded in reaching our positions at two points, where they were dealt with effectively by our troops in each case. Our whole line is intact. Two raids which the enemy at-

tempted last night in the sector north of Bailleul were repulsed by the French troops.
We secured a few prisoners and a machine gun this morning in a patro

BRITISH (DAY)—A successful local operation was carried out by troops of a Surrey Battalion yester-day evening northwest of Merville. A reentrant in our line in this sector was closed up and thirty prisoners and six machine guns were captured by us. Early this morning a hostile counter attack against the new positions, de-livered after a heavy bombardment, was broken up by our artillery and

machine gun fire. We carried out a successful raid last night southeast of Arras and brought back a few prisoners and a machine gun from the enemy's

lery was active in the Albert sector about Hebuterne between the Forest tive than usual between the Scarpe River and Hill 70, north of Lens. The gas shelling reported to have taken

French Bulletins.

FRENCH (NIGHT) -- There were no infantry actions. The artillery was in-termittently active south of the Somme, along the Meuse and in the stroyed six German airplanes, and nine other enemy machines fell their lines severely damaged. day and also on the night of May

19-20 25,000 kilograms of projectiles were dropped by our bombing ma-FRENCH (DAY)-Both artilleries were active last night in the region of Thennes and Hailles and at other

points south of the Avre.